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Fight the jobs slaughter!

THE Aer Lingus "survival plan" of massive job losses and pay cuts must be fought.

The loss of 1280 jobs in Aer Lingus and a further 250 in TEAM if implemented would make the already desperate jobs crisis in Ireland even worse.

The scale of job reductions is such that compulsory redundancies would be certain.

And that means that no public sector job is safe from the attacks of the Coalition.

No money in the kitty?

The coalition claim that there is no money for Aer Lingus -- unless workers are prepared to suffer pain.

But £120m was poured into AIB subsidiary Insurance Corporation of Ireland in 1985; Beef Baron Larry Goodman was handed £80m in export credits; this year the tax criminals amnesty will be throwing away £130m.

When it comes to handouts for the rich, the FF/Labour government are ready and willing.

Dublin workers should not fall into the trap set by the raising of the issue of the Shannon stopover.

This is a diversion intended to divide workers.

If jobs were lost in Shannon there is no reason to believe that any more jobs would be saved in Dublin.

Indeed to back such a call would be to admit that job losses are part of the solution and would seriously weaken Dublin workers fight to defend their own jobs.

A united workforce must demand that ***all jobs be defended.***

Although the government are talking tough, they can be beaten.

Political correspondents have already indicated that the Labour and FF backbenchers are in a state of panic.

Outrage at the coalition is growing.

For many people the loss of jobs threatened at Aer Lingus is the last straw.

This means that a campaign to save the jobs will have massive support.

- ***As a start there should be an enormous march to the Dail to give expression to the anger at the decimation of the industry.***
- ***This should be backed up by action. Aer Lingus workers should demand that the ICTU come off the fence and start fighting instead of "mediating".***
- ***If they are not willing to do this then Aer Lingus workers themselves should nominate a Day of Action and campaign for stoppages.***

Action not talk is what will make the Government back down.

Labour's involvement in these attacks is outrageous. Before the election Labour promised to protect Aer Lingus.

Now they talk of the necessity of "pain" in order to protect "tax-payers".

But while every PAYE worker pays the 1% levy, the rich already benefit through taxes on profits being amongst the lowest in the world—and that's without any amnesty!

It is clear that Labour has failed and betrayed the hopes placed in them.

Now is the time to build a real, fighting socialist alternative. If you agree, fill in the coupon below.

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The case for a socialist alternative

Speakers: An Aer Lingus worker; Kieran Allen (Editor: Socialist Worker)

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Whitehall:
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